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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT**

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**Abstract**

~~The invention concerns a~~ A device for transmitting, exchanging and/or routing data and/or information, in the context of industrial process and/or automation technology, between a first unit [(A; B; C; D; E; F)] and at least a second unit [(A; B; C; D; E; F)]. One of those units [(A; B; C; D; E; F)] is a transmitter or sensor supplying a measurement value for determining a physical or chemical quantity. Said units form part of a combined assembly or network [(2)] of several units [(A; B; C; D; E; F)] which communicate with one another directly or indirectly by means of at least one intermediate unit, each of the units [(A; B; C; D; E; F)] comprising at least two physical communication interfaces [(4)] and at least one microprocessor.